1. The term “device” in these procedures refers to any personal electronic device with the capability to connect to the Department of Education and Communities’ (DEC) Wi-Fi network.

2. Students may bring their own devices to school and may access the DEC’s Wi-Fi network.

3. Use of devices at school is governed by school developed guidelines, processes and procedures.

4. DEC will provide internet access through its wireless networks at no cost to students enrolled in NSW Public Schools at DEC sites.

5. Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices including data protection and battery charging. Chargers are not permitted at school.

6. DEC and Cessnock High School will not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student’s device. Students who bring their own devices onto school sites do so at their own risk.

7. Cessnock High School will not provide ongoing hardware or technical support for devices.

8. Students and their parents/carers must complete a signed BYOD Agreement prior to connecting to the DEC’s Wi-Fi network.

9. Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Agreement, they may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary action may also be appropriate.

10. Use of BYOD devices in lessons is determined by the classroom teacher. Students are required to follow all teacher instructions re the use of BYOD devices.